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# PENGUIN GALLUP CHARTS TOP 100

## P-PICK UP A POWER CHART

We're pleased to announce that the Gallup charts, previously sponsored by ELSPA, the game publisher's association, now live under the wet little wing of – get this! – the well-known Penguin choccy biscuit instead! So cheers to Penguin creators McVities, and on with the show...

## TEAM 17'S BEST YET

**Project X**
**New Entry, Number 1**

***Project X* – spectacular to look at, great street cred, but (we think) flawed.**

Wow, eh? For any game to go straight in at number one is a remarkable achievement, but when it's one from an almost-unknown (and very new) programming/publishing set-up, and entirely un-supported by a major advertising/promotion campaign, it's even more amazing.

*Project X*'s success – it took only two days on sale to go to number two, and only eight to make the top slot – is based almost entirely on word of mouth. And what's this down to? Well, a good general reaction to *Alien Breed*, their last release, for a start – that went to number two spot after only three days of sales – but beyond that there have been enthusiastic magazine previews for many months now. *Project X* – to not put too fine a point on it – has caused quite a stir, though we can't help wondering that if all those buyers excited by sexy graphics had seen just how *tough* the game is, they might have been a little bit discouraged.

Debbie Bestwick, Sales and Marketing Manager for Team 17, had this to say about the success of what's in fact only her company's third release (the first was the budget kung-fu game *Full Contact*.): "We're overjoyed." And who can blame her?

## EVERYONE GOES MADDEN FOR GRID IRON SOFTWARE

**New Entry, Number 2**

Now *here's* a game that deserves its success. Simon Jeffrey, Electronic Arts' UK PR Manager, is very pleased with EA's latest: "This is great, especially as American football is still very much a minority game. I think it's purely on the strength of the program it's done so well. Let's hope it hits the top next month, eh?"

We wouldn't be at all surprised – *Madden Football* made number one on the Mega Drive last year, while it's been a truly gigantic seller on both Super Nintendo and PC formats in the States.

* * *** Exceptional ***** Nearly there **** Very good *** Has its moments ** Flawed * Dire

1 (NE) **PROJECT X** Team 17 £25.99 ***
2 (NE) **JOHN MADDEN AMERICAN FOOTBALL** Electronic Arts £29.99 *****
3 (NE) **SPACE CRUSADE** Gremlin Graphics £25.99 ****
4 (2) **FORMULA ONE GRAND PRIX** MicroProse £34.99 *****
5 (99) **PINBALL DREAMS** 21st Century Entertainment £25.99 *****
6 (4) **RAINBOW ISLANDS** Hit Squad £7.99 *****
7 (NE) **BLACK CRYPT** Electronic Arts £25.99 ****
8 (NE) **LOTUS TURBO CHALLENGE** GBH £7.99 *****
9 (NE) **GOLDEN AXE** Tronix £9.99 **
10 (NE) **HARLEQUIN** Gremlin Graphics £25.99 *****

11 (NE) **SHADOW WARRIORS** Hit Squad £7.99 *
12 (48) **POPULOUS 2** Electronic Arts £29.99 *****
13 (56) **GIANTS OF EUROPE** Anco £7.99 ***
14 (NE) **SUPER OFF ROAD** Tronix £9.99 ****
15 (NE) **PACIFIC ISLANDS** Empire £29.99 ****
16 (13) **NEW ZEALAND STORY** Hit Squad £7.99 *****
17 (38) **ROBOCOP** Hit Squad £7.99 ****
18 (NE) **MANCHESTER UNITED** GBH £9.99 ***
19 (1) **1st DIVISION MANAGER** Code Masters £7.99 **
20 (NE) **TITUS THE FOX** Titus £25.99 ****
21 (98) **SPECIAL FORCES** MicroProse £34.99 ***
22 (25) **BUBBLE BOBBLE** Hit Squad £7.99****
23 (16) **JAMES POND 2 - ROBOCOD** Millennium £25.99 ****
24 (3) **F-16 COMBAT PILOT** Action 16 £9.99 ***
25 (10) **HARLEQUIN** Gremlin Graphics £25.99 *****
26 (46) **STRIDER** Kixx £7.99 ***
27 (NE) **EYE OF THE BEHOLDER 2** US Gold £35.99 ***
28 (26) **POPULOUS** Star Performers £10.99 ****
29 (53) **ABANDONED PLACES** Electronic Zoo £29.99 ****
30 (NE) **GRAEME SOUNESS SOCCER MANAGER** Zeppelin £7.99 **
31 (NE) **ADS** Action 16 £9.99 **
32 (NE) **SIM ANT** Ocean £25.99 ***
33 (85) **FUN SCHOOL 4 (7-11)** Europress £24.99 ***
34 (NE) **AGONY** Psygnosis £7.99 ***
35 (97) **AFTER BURNER** Hit Squad £7.99 ****
36 (NE) **DALEY THOMPSON'S OLYMPIC CHALLENGE** Hit Squad £7.99 **
37 (95) **EURO'N SUPERLEAGUE** CDS £24.99 **
38 (RE) **FUN SCHOOL 4 (7-11)** Europress Software £24.99 ***
39 (51) **CHASE HQ** Hit Squad £7.99 ***
40 (NE) **BARBARIAN 2** Psygnosis £25.99 ***
41 (16) **BIRDS OF PREY** Electronic Arts £34.99 ****
42 (20) **OPERATION THUNDERBOLT** Hit Squad £7.99 ***
43 (40) **ANOTHER WORLD** US Gold £25.99 *****
44 (41) **PGA TOUR+** Electronic Arts £29.99 *
45 (NE) **MEGA-LO-MANIA/FIRST SAMURAI** Ubi Soft £30.99 *****
46 (15) **ITALIA '90** Tronix £9.99 **
47 (8) **TOYOTA CELICA RALLY** GBH £7.99 ***
48 (7) **A320 AIRBUS** Thalion £35.99**
49 (24) **CASTLES** Electronic Arts £29.99 ***
50 (19) **ULTIMA VI** Origin/Mindscape £30.99 *****
51 (NE) **SHADOWLANDS** Domark £29.99****
52 (RE) **FUNSCHOOL 3 (7 UP)** Europress £24.99 **
53 (NE) **SORCEROR** Mastertronic £9.99 ***
54 (9) **JIMMY WHITE'S WHIRLWIND SNOOKER** Virgin £29.99 *****
55 (59) **ALIEN BREED** Team 17 £24.99 ***
56 (17) **WWF WRESTLEMANIA** Ocean £25.99 *
57 (39) **RICK DANGEROUS** Kixx £7.99 ***
58 (90) **RENEGADE** Hit Squad £7.99 *
59 (NE) **IVANHOE** Hit Squad £7.99 **
60 (NE) **ULTIMATE GOLF** GBH Gold £9.99 ***
61 (5) **JAMES POND** GBH £7.99 ***
62 (NE) **MIDNIGHT RESISTANCE** Hit Squad £7.99 ****
63 (87) **THE QUEST OF AGRAVAIN** Code Masters £7.99 ***
64 (NE) **COVER GIRL POKER** Storm £25.99 *
65 (NE) **DELUXE STRIP POKER** CDS £7.99 *
66 (NE) **ARMOUR-GEDDON** Psygnosis £25.99 ***
67 (42) **MONKEY ISLAND** US Gold £29.99 ****
68 (27) **LOMBARD RAC RALLY** Hit Squad £7.99 ***
69 (NE) **SILENT SERVICE 2** MicroProse £34.99 ***
70 (NE) **RETURN TO EUROPE** Anco £7.99 ***
71 (12) **WACKY RACES** Hi-Tec Software £7.99 ***
72 (55) **HEIMDALL** Core Design £34.99 ****
73 (54) **OH NO! MORE LEMMINGS** Psygnosis £19.99 **
74 (52) **FOOTBALL CRAZY CHALLENGE** Anco £25.99 **
75 (NE) **SHINOBI** Tronix £9.99 **
76 (35) **UNTOUCHABLES** Hit Squad £7.99 **
77 (72) **PGA COURSES** Electronic Arts £14.99 ***
78 (28) **PAPERBOY** Encore £7.99 **
79 (57) **AWARD WINNERS** Empire £25.99 ***
80 (73) **ELVIRA 2 - THE JAWS OF CERBERUS** Accolade £34.99 **
81 (NE) **MIGHT AND MAGIC 3** US Gold £40.99 **
82 (RE) **FUN SCHOOL 3 (5-7)** Europress £24.99 ***
83 (RE) **KILLING GAME SHOW** Psygnosis £24.99 ***
84 (RE) **F-19 STEALTH FIGHTER** MicroProse £29.99 ***
85 (RE) **LEMMINGS** Psygnosis £25.59 *****
86 (77) **NINJA RABBITS** Micro Value £6.99 **
87 (NE) **EYE OF THE BEHOLDER** US Gold £30.99 *
88 (NE) **PREDATOR 2** Mirrorsoft £25.99 ***
89 (66) **DRAGON NINJA** Hit Squad £9.99 *
90 (67) **MICROPROSE GOLF** MicroProse £34.99 ***
91 (14) **ROBOCOP 3** Ocean £25.99 **
92 (43) **GHOULS AND GHOSTS** Kixx £7.99 **
93 (91) **VIDEOKID** Gremlin Graphics £25.99 **
94 (88) **MONTY PYTHON** Tronix £9.99 ***
95 (NE) **A10 TANK KILLER** Sierra £34.99 **
96 (NE) **PARASOL STARS** Ocean £25.99 *****
97 (NE) **VIZ** Tronix £9.99 ***
98 (NE) **STEVE DAVIS WORLD SNOOKER** Blue Ribbon £7.99 ***
99 (RE) **R-TYPE** Hit Squad. £7.99 ***
100 (NE) **WINGS** Mirrorsoft £29.99 **

**We figure you must have some idea how the charts work by now, so briefly: they're put together by Gallup, they mix budgies and full pricers together, games are rated in stars, and now they're © McVities!**

## GREMLIN TURN TO SPACE FOR ADVENTURE

**Space Crusade**
**New Entry, Number 3**

***Space Crusade* – not unlike *Hero Quest*, but better (and a better seller too!)**

It's been a while since we reviewed it, maybe, but Gremlin's best RPG/strategy game yet has just entered the charts – and at a very high placing too. In fact, Gremlin's Ruth Bartles is "looking forward to it being a number one. We actually expected *Manchester United* and *Lotus Turbo Challenge*, a couple of our newest re-releases, to be in higher chart positions this month, but the success of *Space Crusade* has made up for it. In fact, we're looking forward to spending quite a bit of time at the top of the charts, with new budgies like *Shoot-'Em-Up Construction Kit* and *BSS Jane Seymour* out soon!"

Such confidence! Still, *Space Crusade*, at least, deserves to do well – it's a better game than predecessor *Hero Quest* (no piece of rubbish itself), and an ideal starting point for new space cadets – check the review in AP12 for more details.

## SENSATIONAL CLIMB, BUT 'DREAMS' STILL GOES DOWN UNDER

**Pinball Dreams**
**High Climber (99 to 5)**

*Pinball Dreams* is a real favourite of ours, so it's nice to see flipper mania spreading the country quickly – this is another game that, we suspect, is doing well mainly through its reputation 'on the streets.'

The first big hit from 21st Century since it appeared last year from the ruins of 8-bit favourite Hewson, the success of *Pinball Dreams* has caught its publishers rather by surprise – seems 21st Century can't duplicate copies fast enough! Orders are even coming in from as far afield as Australia – the company reckon these are definitely the product of good word of mouth, since there hasn't been a 'down under' marketing campaign yet! ●